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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB'S MEETING WITH  
FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN

USUN FOR AMBASSADOR BENNETT

1. PRIOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN'S MEETING WITH  
SECRETARY (SEPTTEL), ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB HELD  
BILATERAL WITH RITHAUDDEEN. HABIB EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE  
AT MEETING RITHAUDDEEN AGAIN, AND RECALLED THAT HE HAD  
BEEN AN EXCELLENT HOST IN KUALA LUMPUR. RITHAUDDEEN, A  
SECOND COUSIN OF THE NEW MALAYSIAN KING, SAID THAT AS HE  
HAD BEEN SUMMONED BACK TO MALAYSIA BY PRIME MINISTER RAZAK  
AND WOULD LEAVE NEW YORK SHORTLY, HE WAS PARTICULARLY  
PLEASED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH HABIB  
AND LATER WITH THE SECRETARY. FOLLOWING TOPICS WERE

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DISCUSSED.

2. KOREAN RESOLUTION. HABIB STATED THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THAT ASEAN WAS TRYING TO MAKE ITS OWN PROPOSALS REGARDING THE KOREAN RESOLUTIONS. RITHAUDDEEN SAID THAT ASEAN'S PROPOSALS WERE "NOT FIRMED UP, REALLY", AND ASKED IN THAT REGARD WHETHER FRENCH AMENDMENT TO THE FRIENDLY KOREAN RESOLUTION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO US. HABIB SAID THAT

FRENCH AMENDMENT WAS ACCEPTABLE. HE WANTED FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS SUCH AS GOM TO BE IN NO DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT WE TOOK A VERY SERIOUS VIEW OF THESE RESOLUTIONS. THE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION, WHICH IS AIMED AT THE UNITED STATES, MUST BE DEFEATED. HE WARNED AGAINST GOING HALF-WAY TOWARDS THE NORTH KOREANS, WHO WOULD MAKE NO COMPROMISES IN RETURN. HABIB URGED THAT MALAYSIAN PERM REP KHIR JOHARI, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR TAPLEY BENNETT ON THIS ISSUE, AND KHIR JOHARI SAID THAT HE WOULD DO SO.

3. SECURITY SITUATION AND ASSISTANCE. HABIB REFERRED TO CROWE/SHACKLEY TEAM'S VISIT TO MALAYSIA. HE SAID WE WERE NOW EXAMINING TEAM'S REPORT AND WOULD BE IN FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE GOM REGARDING TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS. HE MENTIONED THAT 17 MILLION DOLS FMS CREDITS HAD BEEN REQUESTED FOR FY 76 AS EXAMPLE OF OUR WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST THE GOM. RITHAUDDEEN SAID THAT THE GOM WAS GETTING BETTER COOPERATION NOW FROM THE THAIS, AND THAT HE HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT THE THAIS WERE PUTTING IN SOME MORE AGGRESSIVE FIELD COMMANDERS. RITHAUDDEEN SAID IN RESPONSE TO HABIB'S INQUIRY THAT HE BELIEVED THAT INCREASED TERRORIST INCIDENTS REFLECTED THE SPLITS WITHIN THE TERRORIST MOVEMENT ITSELF, AS THE FACTIONS CONCERNED STRIVE FOR PREDOMINANCE. HE ALSO BELIEVED THAT THE GOM'S PROTESTS TO THE PRC MIGHT HAVE HAD SOME EFFECT, AS THE PRC SEEMED, IN RITHAUDDEEN'S JUDGMENT, TO HAVE CUT DOWN ITS PROPAGANDA SUPPORT FOR THE TERRORISTS.

4. US INVESTMENT. HABIB EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT AS CURRENT RECESSION SUBSIDED, AND AS THE "EFFECTS OF VIET-NAM" WERE ABSORBED, US INVESTORS WOULD ONCE AGAIN  
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FIND THE SEASIAN REGION ATTRACTIVE. THAT APPLIED IN PARTICULAR TO MALAYSIA. IN THAT CONNECTION, HABIB ASKED REGARDING THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE EXXON NEGOTIATIONS WITH PETRONAS. RITHAUDDEEN SAID THAT AS HE DID NOT HANDLE THE MATTER WITHIN THE GOM HE WAS NOT INFORMED BUT WOULD ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT WHERE MATTERS STOOD UPON HIS RETURN. HABIB SAID THAT DURING HIS TRIP TO MALAYSIA HE HAD TALKED WITH PRIME MINISTER RAZAK REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL TIN

AGREEMENT. HABIB HAD EXPLORED THE SITUATION UPON HIS RETURN, AND THE RESULT HAD BEEN OUR DECISION TO ACCEDE TO THE AGREEMENT.

5. FOR KUALA LUMPUR. REQUEST EMBASSY'S CURRENT READING ON EXXON NEGOTIATIONS WITH PETRONAS, AND FURTHER BACKGROUND ON THEIR PREVIOUS CONCESSIONARY RIGHTS. FYI TREASURY HAS EXPRESSED AN INFORMAL VIEW THAT THE "UNILATERAL TERMINATION

BY PETRONAS OF THE CONCESSIONS FOR PETROLEUM . EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION ISSUED BY THE GOM TO EXXON BEFORE CREATION OF PETRONAS" (KUALA LUMPUR 2597) MIGHT ITSELF BE A TAKING OF PROPERTY WHICH WOULD REQUIRE A REPORT TO CONGRESS UNDER THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT (STATE 93519). END FYI. KISSINGER

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